

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF
SOUTH CAROLINA**

DOCKET NO. 2009-411-G

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| In the Matter of: |) | |
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| Request of Piedmont Natural Gas |) | |
| Company, Inc. for Authorization |) | PETITION |
| to Continue Operation of its Energy |) | |
| Efficiency Programs |) | |
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Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Inc. (“Piedmont” or the “Company”), through counsel, hereby requests approval from the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (“Commission”) for an extension of its three existing Energy Efficiency Programs (“EE Programs”). In support of this request, Piedmont respectfully shows unto the Commission the following:

1. It is respectfully requested that any notices or other communications with respect to this Petition be sent to:

Jasmine K. Gardner
James H. Jeffries IV
McGuireWoods LLP
201 North Tryon Street, Suite 3000
Charlotte, North Carolina 28202
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2. Piedmont is a subsidiary of Duke Energy Corporation and is engaged in the business of transporting, distributing and selling natural gas in the states of South Carolina, North Carolina and Tennessee. Piedmont is a public utility under the laws of this State, and its public utility operations in South Carolina are subject to the jurisdiction of this Commission.

3. On May 27, 2010, the Commission issued an order (“May 27th Order”) in Docket No. 2009-411-G approving a settlement agreement (“Settlement”) between Piedmont

and the Office of Regulatory Staff (“ORS”) and authorizing Piedmont to implement its EE Programs.

4. The May 27th Order also required Piedmont to file annual reports in this docket related to the cost, participation, and performance of the EE Programs, with the first such annual report due June 15, 2011.

5. Pursuant to the Settlement, the approval of the EE programs was for a limited period of time ending after an experimental period of three (3) years, at which time Piedmont and the ORS would submit any proposed modifications to the programs or program expenditures for review and approval of the Commission.

6. On January 16, 2013, Piedmont made a filing to request a three (3) year extension of the EE Programs which was approved by Commission Order dated March 1, 2013.

7. On August 23, 2018, Piedmont submitted a further petition to extend its EE Programs for an additional three (3) year period which was approved by Commission Order dated August 29, 2018.

8. On April 15, 2019, Piedmont submitted a further petition to extend its EE program for an additional three (3) year period which was approved by Commission Order dated May 1, 2019.

9. Piedmont is now requesting that its EE Programs be extended for an additional three years to cover the period through March 31, 2025.

10. On March 28, 2014, Piedmont submitted a petition to allow the flexibility to reallocate up to \$15,000 among the three programs without submitting to the Commission for approval. This petition was approved by Commission Order dated April 18, 2014.

11. Piedmont requests that the current \$15,000 reallocation threshold be increased to \$25,000. The High-Efficiency Equipment Rebate Program continues to be a very popular program with Residential and Commercial customers and each year it requires reallocating funds from other programs to be used for funding customer equipment rebates. This additional flexibility will allow Piedmont to adjust program spending so as to maximize the effectiveness of the EE Program funds, and also better manage the allocated \$350,000 spending patterns more effectively between the program year period of April 1st through March 31st of each year.

12. These programs have been successful in promoting the efficient utilization of energy by Piedmont's customers and it is Piedmont's belief that the continuation of these EE Programs and the ability of greater program spending flexibility are in the best interest of its customers.

WHEREFORE, Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Inc. respectfully requests that the Commission authorize Piedmont's implementation of its EE Programs for an additional three (3) year period ending March 31, 2025 and further approve the requested reallocation authority described above.

Respectfully submitted this 21st day of February, 2022.

Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Inc.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned hereby certifies that a copy of the attached is being served this date upon all of the parties to this docket electronically or by depositing a copy of the same in the United States Mail, First Class Postage Prepaid, at the addresses contained in the official service list in this proceeding.

This the 21st day of February, 2022.

/s/ Richard K. Goley
Richard K. Goley